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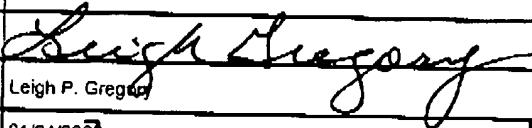
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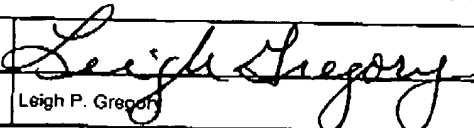
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Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement dated December 22, 2006, Applicant hereby elects the species of group J - surgical monofilament or braided sutures, to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The claims which read thereon are 1, 11, 13 and 16.

A complete listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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